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STRAND ATTRACTION **FRIDAY, SEPT. 22<sup>ND</sup>**

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL

# Harvest Moon Ball

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**HARVEST MOON BALL WINNERS**

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**THE 3 STOOGES**  
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**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22nd**    **WARNER BROS. STRAND 55¢**  
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**MADISON SQUARE GARDEN**  
September 13, 1950—8:30 P. M.

Sponsored by **THE NEWS WELFARE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Official Program TEN CENTS

# *Harvest Moon Ball*



One of the most unique and colorful productions on the Broadway entertainment calendar—the Harvest Moon Ball Finals—is presented to you tonight for the sixteenth consecutive year. Sponsored by The News Welfare Association, Inc., which will donate the net proceeds to charity, the Harvest Moon Ball is the biggest night in the world of amateur dancing.

The couples which you will see dancing in competition tonight represent the most talented ballroom technicians in the metropolitan and nearby areas if not in the entire country. This is their night and to the most talented among them will fall the bounty of prize awards valued at \$6,950.

The News Welfare Association wishes to thank these Finalists as well as all other contestants eliminated in preliminary competition for this demonstration of their skill. Appreciation is extended also to all others who assisted in the success of the night; to the spectators for their interest and presence; to the professional entertainers and musicians whose talents complete the program and to the competent and experienced judges whose decisions determine the winners of the competitions.

—THE NEWS WELFARE ASSOCIATION, INC.

## *Program*



ED SULLIVAN

### **PRELUDE**

### **"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"**

### **OVERTURE "Shine On, Harvest Moon"**

### **PARADE OF THE DANCERS**

Master of Ceremonies    Ed Sullivan  
Announcer                Pat Curran

### **HARVEST MOON BALL FINALS**

1. Fox Trot
2. Tango
3. Polka
4. Rumba
5. Jitterbug Jive
6. Viennese Waltz

### **ALL-AROUND BALLROOM CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **FINALE**

# Contestants

## IT'S FUN TO KEEP SCORE

*And more fun to see if you agree with the judges. Keep your own record in the space under each group of dancers.*

## ON THE COVER

**DAVID KOLMI and MARGARET LUKAS**  
*All-Around Ballroom Champions of the 1949 Harvest Moon Ball.*

## Tango

*Music by Ralph Flanagan*

7. Mary and Paul De Leo
9. Eve Wasson and Sam Mergel
14. Nancy Charleson and Dick Robertson
15. Peggy and George Morris
1. Pat Griffin and Eugene Peterson
3. Betty and Al Groppelli
6. Adelaide and Otto Bunge
16. Peggy Ellis and Santo Santangelo
10. Gloria and Benny Vitucci
13. Inger Christensen and Bruce Michelsen
17. Ruth Evans and Michael Russo
18. Theda Blazer and Rudolph G. Martin

<b>My Selection</b>	<b>Judges' Selection</b>
First _____	First _____
Second _____	Second _____
Third _____	Third _____

## Fox Trot

*Music by Ralph Flanagan*

3. Betty and Al Groppelli
4. Marge and William Adams
9. Eve Wasson and Sam Mergel
11. Fay Riggio and S. Tom Garzia
1. Pat Griffin and Eugene Peterson
7. Mary and Paul De Leo
8. Susan Meyer and Alfred Dowling
10. Gloria and Benny Vitucci
2. Vera and John Kruger
5. Bobbe Allen and Enrico Lucchese
6. Adelaide and Otto Bunge
12. Vera Ruggiero and Howard Culla

<b>My Selection</b>	<b>Judges' Selection</b>
First _____	First _____
Second _____	Second _____
Third _____	Third _____

## Polka

*Music by Ralph Flanagan*

19. Carolyn Beatty and Arthur Nacion
20. Florence Pryslak and Eugene Kobryna
21. Elaine Gross and George Wexler
22. Caroline Koczorowska & Walt Szczotka
23. Nancy Durholz and Arne Olson
24. Stasia and John Kawkiel
25. Dorothy Gould and Jack Tideman
26. Alice Timoshenko and Frank Procyk
27. Alice and Andrew Roye
28. Bernice Lenkiewicz & Eugene Muzyka
29. Jean Smigierewski and Ted Step
30. Nellie Thomas and Eugene Balazs

<b>My Selection</b>	<b>Judges' Selection</b>
First _____	First _____
Second _____	Second _____
Third _____	Third _____

## LISTING of CONTESTANTS

*The lists of contesting teams are arranged in groups in the order in which each group will dance.*

## Rumba

*Music by Miguelito Valdes*

6. Adelaide and Otto Bunge
10. Gloria and Benny Vitucci
14. Nancy Charleson and Dick Robertson
31. Ricky Hoesli and Matty Margarita
1. Pat Griffin and Eugene Peterson
4. Marge and William Adams
15. Peggy and George Morris
17. Ruth M. Evans and Michael Russo
8. Susan Meyer and Alfred Dowling
9. Eve Wasson and Sam Mergel
16. Peggy Ellis and Santo Santangelo
18. Theda Blazer and Rudolph G. Martin

<b>My Selection</b>	<b>Judges' Selection</b>
First _____	First _____
Second _____	Second _____
Third _____	Third _____

## Viennese Waltz

*Music by Miguelito Valdes*

3. Betty and Al Groppelli
44. Virginia Marchisella & Peter Ragone
7. Mary and Paul De Leo
17. Ruth M. Evans and Michael Russo
4. Marge and William Adams
10. Gloria and Benny Vitucci
16. Peggy Ellis and Santo Santangelo
43. Constance Matarese and Peter Dattoli
1. Pat Griffin and Eugene Peterson
14. Nancy Charleson and Dick Robertson
18. Theda Blazer and Rudolph G. Martin
5. Bobbe Allen and Enrico Lucchese

<b>My Selection</b>	<b>Judges' Selection</b>
First _____	First _____
Second _____	Second _____
Third _____	Third _____

## Jitterbug Jive

*Music by Ralph Flanagan*

13. Inger Christensen and Bruce Michelsen
32. Vicki Lo Guidice and Victor Marsalone
34. Mickey Vaccaro and Louie Salamone
37. Johnnie Mae Finley & Thomas Freeman
38. Elsie Grace Thomas and Charles Jones
39. Clara M. Reed and Robert Davis
33. Patricia White and Donald Mitchell
35. Emily Santore and Sal. W. Esposito
36. Bette Shultz and Lucky Kargo
40. Rubina Harris and Delma Nicholson
41. Theresa Mason and Ambrose Bell
42. Ruth Sullivan and Willie James Posey

<b>My Selection</b>	<b>Judges' Selection</b>
First Group _____	First Group _____
Second Group _____	Second Group _____
Third Group _____	Third Group _____
Fourth Group _____	Fourth Group _____



## All-Around Champion

<b>My Selection</b> _____
<b>Judges' Selection</b> _____



DEAN MARTIN and JERRY LEWIS



RALPH  
FLANAGAN



GISELLE and FRANCOIS SZONY



DINAH  
SHORE



VAUGHN MONROE



BOB HOPE



MIGUELITO VALDES



"HONOR YOUR PARTNER" Square Dance Group



"THE LINEUP" Charleston Act

## Prizes

First prize winners in each dance division will receive a \$4,000, two-week group contract, with options for two additional weeks, to perform at the New York Strand Theatre. On this contract, the All-Around Ballroom champions will receive \$750 per week and each of the other five first-prize winning teams will receive \$250 per week.

In addition to this contract, there is \$2,950 worth of gift certificates from three of New York's finest department stores which will be distributed to first, second and third place winners in each dance.

All couples who compete in the Finals will receive engraved gold medals, awarded by The News Welfare Association, Inc.

Distribution of the gift certificates is as follows:

All-Around Ballroom Champions	\$125 each
Frist Prize (All Dances)	100 each
Second Prize (All Dances)	75 each
Third Prize (All Dances)	50 each

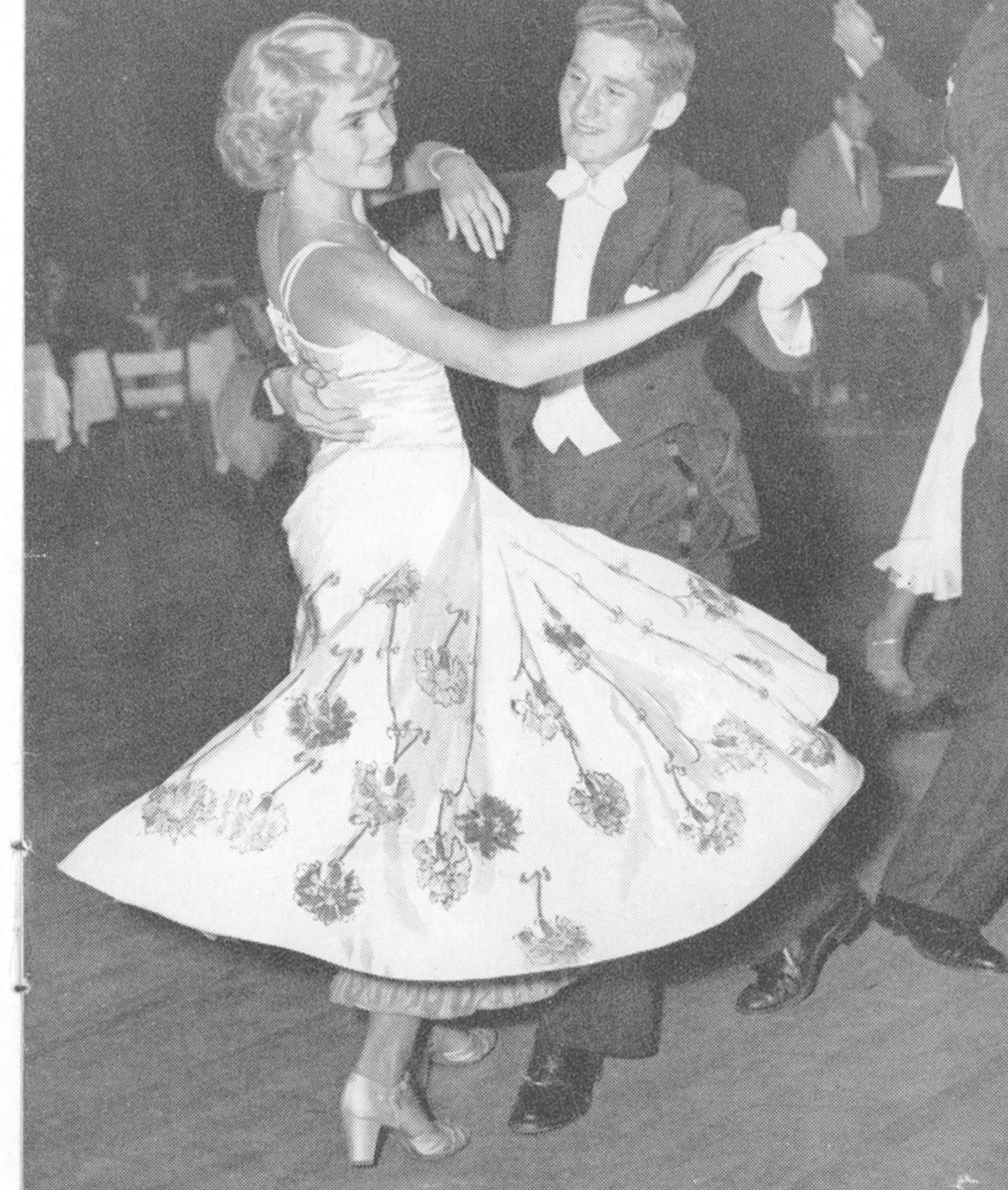
## Past Winners

### ALL-ROUND BALLROOM CHAMPIONS

- 1935—Mr. and Mrs. Ulmont Cumming
- 1936—Jean Thomas and Richard Lynn
- 1937—Agnes Melcoll and Walter Cosden
- 1938—Sylvia Teitelman and Walter Bourie
- 1939—Margo Sage and John Phillips
- 1940—Florentine Sturtz and Alexander Alexander
- 1941—Adele Rolleri and Jack Williams
- 1942—Bessie Larotonda and Fred Carattini
- 1943—Jeanne Ansell and Charles Mulligan
- 1944—Frances Marchasella and Joseph Koslowsky
- 1945—Marie Mirti and Anthony Macaluso
- 1946—Margaret and Martin Rogers
- 1947—May Wenz and Frank Kuzel
- 1948—Alfreda and Mario Rausse
- 1949—Margaret Lukas and David Kolmi

### JITTERBUG JIVE CHAMPIONS

- 1935—Edith Matthews and Leon James
- 1936—Ella Gibson and George Greenich
- 1937—Gladys Crowder and Eddie Davis
- 1938—Mildred Pollard and Albert Mimms
- 1939—Connie Hill and Russell Williams
- 1940—Wilda Crawford and Thomas Lee
- 1941—Rebecca Bruner and Bill Dotson
- 1942—Teresa Mason and Paul Chadwell
- 1943—Rose Romona and James Riccardi
- 1944—Pal Andrews and Johnny McAfey
- 1945—Connie Paulus and Claude Fleetwood
- 1946—Megie Vecchiarelli and Jo Jo Giaimo
- 1947—Nancy Price and Ruby Edwards
- 1948—Doris Jackson and Candy Carter
- 1949—Jessyca Samuels and James Outlaw



NANCY CHARLESON and RICHARD ROBERTSON  
at Glen Island Casino



FAY RIGGIO and  
S. TOM GARZIA  
at Roseland



CLARA REED  
and ROBERT DAVIS  
at Savoy Ballroom



ELAINE GROSS  
and  
GEORGE WEXLER  
at Bronx Winter Garden

**ELSA HEILICH**

Elizabeth, N. J.  
Member of executive committee, American Society of Teachers of Dancing.

**G. RUTHERFORD**

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  
Teacher of teachers and director of his own dancing school.

**HELEN C. HILL**

Ridgefield, Conn.  
Noted Choreographer and owner of her own dance studio.

**P. J. MASTROLIA**

Jersey City, N. J.  
Well known instructor for over 25 years and director of his own studio.

## Judges

In awarding points to the competing teams, the panel of judges employs the universally accepted Olympic scoring system. In this method of judging, points are awarded in four categories (1) posture and appearance, (2) rhythm and tempo, (3) execution and (4) variety. In each category, the judges award 5 points for excellent, 4 points for good, 3 points for fair and 2 points for poor.

## Regulations

Except in the Jitterbug Jive, all couples will be judged during a three-minute dance period. In the Jive, this judging period will be only two minutes.

In the Rumba, the first minute and a half will be danced to slow tempo; the second minute and a half to fast tempo.

In the four ballroom dances, there shall be no open dancing. Partners must maintain contact, with at least fingertips touching, at all times. Open and acrobatic steps, including the Westchester, Lindy and kindred steps are permitted in the Jive.

Polka competition includes all regular polka steps. It will be danced to lively tempo. The Polka is not included in the ballroom divisions and the winners do not qualify for the all-around ballroom championship.

**HELEN W. REID**

Port Washington, L. I.  
Past president, American Society of Teachers of Dancing; Chairman of the Council of Dance Teacher Organizations.

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